Issues in Blood Research

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Blood Research: Historical Triumphs

- Albumin: Stability of National Stockpile
- Clotting Factors: Measuring, Standardizing*
- Immune Globulins: Predicting Stability*
- Hypotensive Agents in Plasma Products*
- Standardization of Tests for HIV (and HBV, HCV, HTLV-I/II)
- Role of Antibodies in Viral Partitioning*

Blood Research: Future Challenges

- Understanding/Eliminating Adverse Reactions
 - To Immune Globulin Intravenous
 - Antibodies to Clotting Factors
- Emerging Blood-Borne Infectious Agents
 - Chagas' Disease (T. cruzi)
 - Malaria (Plasmodium)
 - CJD, vCJD*
 - West Nile Virus

Blood Research: Future Challenges

- Can we detect the new/emerging agent
 - Reliably?
 - Reproducibly?
 - Rapidly?
- Can we inactivate/remove that agent
 - Without loss of integrity of blood product?
 - Without introducing toxicity?
 - Without incurring long-term adverse effects?